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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-002
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AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ADOPTING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-42 OF THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND PROVIDING FOR SIMPLIFIED BUT MORE STRINGENT GUIDELINES, STRATEGIES AND PROTOCOLS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA LIBERTAD

WHEREAS, for several weeks there is sustained local and community transmission and persistent rise in COVID-19 cases in the Municipality;

WHEREAS, per RIATF communication through the DILG field office, the province of Zamboanga del Norte will be placed under the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) for the period of fifteen days from June 1-15, 2021.

WHEREAS, with the current covid-19 situation in the municipality and the detection of foreign covid-19 variants in neighboring provinces, there is a need to implement strict border control and limit the movement of persons in and out of the municipality;

WHEREAS, the LIATF recommends the strict implementation of MECQ guidelines and adopt necessary stringent measures, as may be necessary, to fully curtail covid-19 transmission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROMEO J. MEJIAS, Mayor of the Municipality of La Libertad province of Zamboanga del Norte, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Local Government Code and such other laws, do hereby order:

Section 1. Imposition of Community Quarantine. A modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) is imposed in the entire Municipality of La Libertad which shall be for the Period June 1-15, 2021.

Section 2. Compliance of Minimum Public Health Standards. Public Health protocols such as the wearing of face mask and the observance of social distancing measures of at least one meter/3-feet radius between people shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the MECQ when in public places.

The use of full-face shields shall be required in addition to the aforementioned minimum public health protocols. Public/private offices and all business establishments shall implement a "No face mask and face shield, no entry" policy.

Moreover, the new customary gesture of goodwill, praise and respect which is the simple act of gracefully laying the palm of the right hand over the center of the chest with a simultaneous slight head nod shall be adopted as an alternative gesture to the traditional handshake in order to reduce the chances of COVID- 19 transmission.

Section 3. Interzonal and Intrazonal Movement. *Interzonal movements* refers to the movement of people, goods and services across areas under different community quarantine classifications while *Intrazonal movements* refer to the movement of people, goods and services between localities under the same quarantine community classifications, without transiting through an area placed under a different classification.

Every person requesting entry into the municipality of La Libertad shall required a Negative RT-PCR result except for personnel delivering goods, and removing the 48 hours travel exemption.

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3.1 Persons Allowed to Enter the Municipality. The following persons shall be permitted entry into the Municipality of La Libertad, *provided*, that the following requirements are complied with and shall pass symptoms screening at the point of entry/exit. *Provided, however*, that those persons who are transiting through and/or his/her place of origin is an area placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ), or any form of lockdown and those person whose place of destination have existing travel moratoriums issued by the DILG and/or declared by the respective LGU shall not be allowed entry into the municipality, viz:

	Classification	Requirements
1	Personnel of Delivery Vehicles for goods, cargo, trucking, and courier services (Maximum of five (5) personnel, provided that strict social distancing measures are observed)	Proof of Identification Proof of Employment Good's pass (whenever applicable) Cargo manifest or delivery receipt indicating the destination, nature and quantity of loaded goods/cargoes
2	Returning or Repatriated OFWs and other Overseas Filipinos returning to their place of residences (ROFs)	Identification Card Negative RT-PCR result (Negative RT-PCR results from testing conducted by the Philippine Red Cross upon arrival in the country shall be acknowledge) Quarantine Certification issued by the DOH-Bureau of Quarantine Certificate of Coordination from the concerned city/municipality local government unit or LGU of destination
3	Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APORs) – Travel under Official Business	Agency/Company Identification Card Travel Order issued by the concerned Head of Office or his/her duly authorized representative Travel Itinerary Negative RT-PCR result (dated at most 5 days prior to travel)
4	Non-APORs	Identification Card Negative RT-PCR result (dated at most 5 days prior to travel) Letter of Acceptance from the concerned city/municipality local government unit or LGU of destination

NOTE:

All persons manifesting symptoms of COVID-19 and persons with a body temperature above 37.5 degree Celsius upon screening at any QCPs shall be DENIED ENTRY. However, if the person manifesting symptoms at the QCP is a resident of the municipality he/she may be permitted entry but shall be subjected to a mandatory quarantine under 3.6 hereof.

Personnel of delivery vehicles for goods, cargo, trucking and courier services from an ECQ and MECQ areas shall be permitted entry into the municipality pursuant to section 7 (1) of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine.

ALL PERSONS PASSING THROUGH the Municipality of La Libertad shall be allowed passage upon compliance with the above-enumerated requirements depending on his/her classification.

Travels for leisure from outside the municipality shall be disallowed.

3.2 Movement of Persons within the Municipality. Movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing goods and services and for work in office or industries permitted to operate. Local chief executives may adopt measures to ensure strict implementation of the aforesaid restrictions.

3.2.1 Restrictions on the Movement of Persons. Any person below eighteen (18) years old, those who are sixty-five (65) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risk, and pregnant women are required to remain in their residences at all times; provided that all activities and movements herein allowed for the foregoing persons shall continue to be permitted; provided further, that comorbid adults and senior citizens with scheduled covid-19 vaccination shall be allowed to leave their residences for the said purpose.

3.2.2 Permitted Activities. Individual outdoor exercises such as outdoor walks, jogging, running or biking are allowed **within the general area of their residence**, e.g. within the barangay, purok, subdivision, and/or village. Provided, that the minimum public health standards and precautions such as the wearing of face mask, and the maintenance of social distancing protocols are observed.

3.2.3 No non-essential movement on Sundays. All persons are enjoined to stay at home during Sundays. Movement of persons shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services and for work in establishments permitted to operate during Sundays. All non-essential movements shall not be allowed.

3.3 Passage of goods. The passage of goods, especially food, medicines, fuel and other materials needed in agriculture and manufacturing, in and out of the municipality of La Libertad shall not be hampered. This shall include the passage of vehicles that are passing through or in-transit to pick-up and deliver goods.

All vehicles transporting goods into the municipality of La Libertad are subject to thorough inspection and disinfection protocols at the municipal checkpoints.

All vehicles transporting goods into the municipality are prohibited from carrying passengers. Only those persons allowed under Section 3.1 hereof shall be permitted entry into the municipality.

All goods, cargoes and supplies shall be allowed into the municipality, EXCEPT prohibited goods and contrabands.

3.4 Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APORs). Movement of APORs shall only be limited to official business. APORs shall be classified into the category:

1. APORs within (APORW) – refers to the resident APORs whose place of work is within the municipality.

2. APORs outside (APORO) – refers to the resident APORs whose place of work is outside the municipality and non-resident APORs whose place of work is within the municipality.

Travels of APORs under official business shall require him/her a negative RT-PCR result to be allowed entry in the municipality. Travels of APOR for recreation, leisure, and such other travels not in official business shall require him/her to the requirements provided under 3.1 (4) to be permitted entry into the municipality.

APORW whose travels remain inside the municipality shall only be required to present their agency/company IDs or certificate of employment, if the former is not available.

3.5 Non-APORs. As a general rule non-APORs shall be required to present a negative RT-PCR result to be permitted entry into the municipality. Non-APORs shall include returning residents, and persons travelling for medical reasons, indispensable travels, leisure travels, and such other travels not related to official business of APORs.

However, a negative RT-PCR result requirement shall be required to non-APORs with indispensable travels not exceeding 48 hours. Indispensable travels shall include travels for business transactions, renewal of license/passport and other documents, CSC/PRC/Pre-employment examinations, applications, frequent travels,

funerals, and such travels considered as indispensable on a case to case basis. In which case, prior coordination with the concerned municipal LGU shall be made.

3.6 Mandatory Quarantine. All persons permitted entry into the municipality shall be subjected to a mandatory quarantine for 14 days at a designated isolation facility of the concerned LGU or at home if qualified under DOH guidelines, except those personnel of delivery vehicles for goods, cargo, tracking, and courier services, and APORs under official business.

However, persons manifesting symptoms at any QCPs who are residents of the municipality shall be subjected to a mandatory quarantine of fourteen (14) days at a designated isolation facility of the concerned LGU, thus, home quarantine shall not be allowed in this circumstance. Non-residents of the municipality manifesting symptoms at any QCPs shall be denied entry.

Local Government Units shall be responsible in ensuring that all their residents who are permitted entry into the municipality are fetched in the ports, airports, QCPs, or in the holding facility of the province and directly isolate them.

DOH protocols shall strictly be observed and followed in every Temporary Treatment Monitoring Facility (TTMF) of municipalities. LGUs shall be responsible for any breach of protocols in their respective TTMFs.

Section 4. Quarantine Control Points and Other Border Control. There shall be a Quarantine Control Point (QCP) established at every point of entry into the municipality. All QCPs shall conduct health checks of every inbound passenger. Personnel manning the QCPs shall be responsible to collect, review, and assess all Declaration Forms and submit the same to the PIATF.

- A. Land Travel – all established municipal checkpoints shall remain operational. It shall be the responsibility of the Philippine National Police in coordination with the concerned municipal local government units to secure all major entry and exit points of the municipality. Municipal LGUs neighboring the provincial borders may adopt rotational scheme in manning the provincial QCPs.

QCP personnel shall ensure that all individuals requesting entry complies with the requirements provided under section 3.1 of this order before permitted into the municipality.

- B. Secondary entry and exit points. All secondary entry and exit points in the municipality of La Libertad shall be secured by the concerned barangay government unit. The establishment of checkpoints for this purpose shall be allowed.
- C. Municipal Checkpoints. Municipalities with high/rising number of covid-19 cases may, under the supervision of the PNP, establish their own checkpoints to restrict the movements of persons as may be necessary.

Section 5. Public and Private Transportation. The road sectors of public transportation shall be allowed to operate at such capacity and protocols in accordance with guidelines issued by the DOT. The use of active transportation such as biking is encouraged.

The bus line companies shall be responsible to ensure that all passengers on-board buses comply with the requirements provided in section 3.1 in this order.

5.1 Mandatory Wearing of PPEs. Drivers and conductors of public buses catering passengers outside the municipality, who are directly in close contact with passengers, are mandated to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during the whole duration of their trips.

Section 6. Municipal Wide Curfew. There shall be a municipal wide curfew hour to be adopted. The municipal wide curfew hours shall be:

For Minors - from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am

For Adult - from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am

The PNP shall conduct regular monitoring during the curfew hours and ensure increased police visibility in the communities in order to ensure that no individual violates the curfew hours, except front liners and employees of establishments allowed to operate beyond the curfew hours.

Section 7. Municipal Wide Liquor Ban. The public consumption of liquor and alcoholic beverages in the entire municipality shall be prohibited.

Section 8. Regulation on Establishments. During the period of MECQ the following places, establishments and venues shall not be permitted to operate, work, or undertaken, viz:

1. Entertainment venues such as karaoke bars, bars, clubs, concert halls, theaters, and cinemas;
2. Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, and similar venues;
3. Amusement parks or theme parks, fairs/peryas, kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom, and kiddies' rides;
4. Outdoor sports courts or venues for contact sports, scrimmages, games, or activities;
5. Indoor sports courts or venues, fitness studios, gyms, spas or other indoor leisure centers or facilities, and swimming pools;
6. Casinos, horse racing, any form of cockfighting and operation of cockpits, lottery and betting shops, and other gaming establishments except for the draws conducted by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office;
7. Indoor visitor or tourist attractions, libraries, archives, museums, galleries and cultural shows and exhibits;
8. Outdoor tourist attractions;
9. Venues of meetings, incentives, conference, and exhibitions;
10. Personal care services which include beauty salons, beauty parlors, medical aesthetic clinics, cosmetic or derma clinics, make-up salons, nail spas, reflexology, wellness and holistic centers, and other similar establishments. Home service for these activities are likewise not permitted; and
11. Indoor dine-in services of food preparation establishments such as commissaries, restaurants, and eateries.

The following establishments shall be allowed to operate at full on-site capacity, viz:

1. Hospitals, pharmacies, drug stores, medical and dental clinics, and laboratories
2. Power, energy, water, IT and telecommunications supplies and facilities (including dealers of LPG and other petroleum products)
3. Logistic service providers
4. Banks, Money Transfer services, pawnshops and financial service Providers
5. Industries involved in agriculture
6. Essential and priority construction projects
7. Essential retail trade and service establishments such as public markets, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies or drug stores, hardware, office supplies, bicycle shops and water refilling stations
8. Public Transport
9. Restaurants and kiosk limited to take-out and delivery
10. Gasoline stations
11. Repair and maintenance shops
12. Waste disposal services
13. Media establishments
14. Quarantine facilities

Dine-in services. No dine-in services in restaurants, fast food, and other food retail establishment shall be allowed. As an alternative take-out and delivery services shall be employed.

Commercial Centers. Commercial Centers are limited only for non-leisure shops and shall be allowed to operate at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity. No loitering shall be allowed

All other establishments not mentioned in the preceding paragraphs shall be allowed to operate at a maximum of thirty percent (30%) on-site capacity while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements, where applicable.

All establishments shall strictly implement a "No Face Mask and Face Shield, No Entry" policy and provide measures for social distancing within their premises.

Flagrant violation of the prevailing health standards, protocols, and guidelines set forth by the DOH, NIATF, DILG, and such other concerned agencies may result to the closure of the establishment concerned after notice and hearing.

Section 9. Work in Government Offices. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall be fully operational, with skeleton workforce on-site and the remainder under alternative work arrangement approved by the head of agency unless a greater on-site capacity is required in agencies providing health and emergency frontline services, laboratory and testing services, border control, or other critical services, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the CSC.

Section 10. Gatherings. Gatherings outside of residences shall be prohibited. Gatherings at residences with any person outside of one's immediate household shall likewise be prohibited. However, gatherings that are essential for the provision of health services, government services or humanitarian activities authorized by the appropriate government agency or instrumentality shall be allowed at ten percent (10%) of the venue capacity.

Religious gatherings shall be allowed up to ten percent (10%) of the venue capacity. Gatherings for neurological services, wakes, inurnment, and funeral for those who died of causes other than the COVID-19 shall be accordance with Section 15.1 of this Order.

All issued permits allowing the conduct of gatherings and events within June 1-15, 2021, are hereby withdrawn, recalled and revoked. Local Executives are prohibited from allowing the conduct of any prohibited gatherings within the period of MECQ within their respective area of responsibility. As such, no permit shall be issued approving any prohibited gatherings within the said period.

Section 11. Classes in HEIs, Basic Education and TVETs. For Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), they shall observe the guidelines set by CHED for the resumption of classes, for K-12 Basic Education, the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan of the DepED shall be adopted, and Technical Vocational Education and Trainings (TVETs) may be conducted by Technical Vocational Institutions and TESDA Technological Institutions, in accordance with TESDA guidelines. Provided that minimum public health standards shall be observed.

Section 12. Public and Private Construction Projects. All public and private construction projects shall be allowed subject to strict compliance with the construction safety guidelines issued by the DPWH for the implementation of infrastructure projects during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 13. Persons Deprived of Liberty. In pursuance to DILG Memorandum dated May 13, 2020 relative the subject "COVID-19 Testing for Persons Deprived of Liberty Before Commitment to Jails and Prior Release", all Persons Deprived of Liberty must undergo COVID-19 testing before commitment to a jail facility and prior to release therefrom.

Section 14. Regulation on the Use of Rapid Antigen Test Kits. The collection and processing of specimens shall be conducted in a health facility accredited by the DOH. The use of Rapid Antigen Test Kits shall be in accordance with DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0468. "Supplemental Guidance on The Use of Rapid Antigen Test Kits".

Section 15. Handling of the Dead. The management of human remains for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases shall strictly comply with the DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-063 dated March 27, 2020 and DOH recommended guidelines and procedures. Shipment of human remains or cremains of foreign nationals and locals shall strictly adhere to the guidelines of the Bureau of Quarantine.

15.1 Conduct of Wakes. The conduct of wake for deceased persons not identified as COVID-19 positive or suspect shall be limited to immediate family members and a maximum of five (5) days. A prior permission from the concerned city/municipal LGU must be secured prior to the conduct of wakes.

Section 16. Imposition of Localized Enhance Community Quarantine. In the event that COVID-19 cases in the province becomes overwhelming, the Provincial Governor and/or concerned local chief executive may impose an enhance community quarantine or additional stringed measures as may deemed necessary in the affected component cities, municipalities and barangays of the Province. In concurrence with the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force Zoning Containment Strategies shall be adopted for this matter.

Section 17. Conformity to Various Issuance of the IATF-EID, Government Agencies and Instrumentalities. Subsequent issuances and directives from the IATF-EID, Government agencies and instrumentalities during the effectivity of the Executive Order shall be deemed incorporated hereto in so far as it may be applicable.

Section 18. Adherence by the City/Municipal Local Government Units. All Chief Executives of city/Municipal Local Government units in the Province shall adhere to the provisions of this Order and shall refrain from executing any other rules and regulations which are outside its parameters unless the same are with prior approval from the RIATF.

Section 19. Acts of Discrimination. Acts of discrimination inflicted upon healthcare, workers, repatriated OFWs and non-OFWs, COVID-19 cases, whether confirmed, recovered or undergoing treatment, as well as suspect and probable cases, and Persons under Monitoring are denounced in the strongest of terms. Acts in furtherance of discrimination, such as, but not limited to coercion, libel, slander physical injuries and the dishonor of contractual obligations such as contracts of lease or employment, shall be dealt with criminally, civilly and/or administratively. All Chief Executives of City/Municipal Local Government units in the Province are joined to enact ordinances prohibiting and penalizing these discriminatory acts.

Section 20. Sanctions and Penalties. Violations to any of the provisions of this guidelines shall be subjected to appropriate criminal, civil, and administrative liability in accordance with existing laws.

Section 22. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall be effective on June 1, 2021 until June 15, 2021

Let copies of this order be furnished to all local officials, other concerned public and private agencies and institutions, and the mass medias for guidance, information and widest dissemination. Done this 1st day of June, 2021 in La Libertad, Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines.

ROMEO J. MEJIAS
Municipal Mayor

FOR THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR


ALVIN G. ZAMORA
OIC/Municipal Vice Mayor